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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Matthew M. Nelson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08/21/2006
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it does not adequately disclose the invention. It is suggested to include several of the steps of the process since method claims are disclosed. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

2. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 4 recites "adhevises" which appears to mean "adhesive". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,664,630 to Lokken (Lokken).

In Reference to Claim 1

A method of increasing the rate by which maximum adhesivity of a denture adhesive is achieved comprising the steps of:

- (a) applying a denture adhesive to a denture (Lokken: col. 3, lines 51-53);

(b) wetting said denture after application of the denture adhesive to the denture

(Lokken: col. 4, lines 1-4); and

(c) inserting said denture in the mouth (Lokken: col. 4, line 5).

In Reference to Claim 2

The method of claim 1 (see rejection of claim 1 above) wherein the denture

adhesive is in the form of a cream, gel, powder or liner (Lokken: col. 1,

lines 7-9).

In Reference to Claim 3

A method of increasing the rate by which maximum adhesivity of a denture

adhesive is achieved comprising the steps of:

(a) wetting a denture (Lokken: col. 3, lines 50-51),

(b) applying denture adhesive to said denture (Lokken: col. 3, lines 51-53); and

(c) inserting said denture in the mouth (Lokken: col. 3, line 54).

In Reference to Claim 4

The method of claim 3 (see rejection of claim 3 above) wherein the denture

adhesive is in the form of a cream, gel, powder or liner (Lokken: col. 1,

lines 7-9).

In Reference to Claim 5

A method of increasing the rate by which maximum adhesivity of a denture

adhesive is achieved comprising the steps of:

(a) wetting a denture (Lokken: col. 3, lines 50-51);

(b) applying denture adhesive to said denture (Lokken: col. 3, lines 51-53);

- (c) rewetting the denture after application of the denture adhesive to the denture (Lokken: col. 4, lines 1-4); and
- (d) inserting the denture in place in the mouth (Lokken: col. 4, line 5).

In Reference to Claim 6

The method of claim 5 (see rejection of claim 5 above) wherein the denture adhesive is in the form of a cream, gel, powder or liner (Lokken: col. 1, lines 7-9).

Conclusion

- 5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent No. 6,080,811 to Schehlmann et al., US PGPUB No. 2002/0013384 to Muramatsu et al., and US Patent No. 2,830,370 to Rothrock disclose adhesives for dental prostheses and methods of applying the adhesive.

- 6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew M. Nelson whose telephone number is (571) 270-5898. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm EDT.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kenneth Bomberg can be reached on (571) 272-4922. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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